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Application of: Devlin, et al.

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Title: Method for automatically Storing and
Reprocessing Patient Specimens in an
Automatic Clinical Analyzer

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please correct the title on page one

--Method for Automatically Storing and Reprocessing Patient Specimens in an Automatic
Clinical Analyzer--

On page one, before the first sentence, please insert a new sentence

--This application is a continuation-in-part of US SN 09/725,621 filed on November 30,
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